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✓ ABBOTT, JANE, poet and composer, 605 South Seventh Street, Terre Haute. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, she is the daughter of Loren H. Abbott, World War I hero, and Lola (Creal) Abbott, author-composer, and is of English ancestry, being a descendant of the Duke of Somerset and Jane Seymour, the wife of King Henry VIII and mother of King Edward VI of England. Miss Abbott began the study of violin at seven years of age and continued for ten years, and later studied voice and piano. After graduation from the Garfield High School, she majored in Music and Art at Indiana State University, where she was elected to Kappa Pi honorary art society. Miss Abbott started her business career with Blocks of Indianapolis, and then accepted the position of Advertising Manager for Shultz and Company. She was in Advertising and Display at the Root Store, was Advertising Director of the Hillman Jewelry Stores, and for the past eight years has been a full-time Writer and Composer. She was named "Citizen of the Day" by Station W.A.A.C. She has been honored nationally as a poet with her work appearing in eight anthologies, two brochures, a national daily and countless magazines and her recent song release, "Ballad of Berlin," brought a letter of commendation from the West German Embassy in Washington, D.C. Miss Abbott writes lyrics and music for songs and as a result of her achievements as a professional songwriter, she recently signed a contract with a New York City firm that is an affiliation of composers, lyricists and publishers. A song, "Oriental Moon of Vietnam," on which she collaborated with her mother, won second in a nationwide competition in California. Her first commercial record was named "pick of the week" in Seattle, Washington. She has been gaining reputation as an essayist and her essay "Indian Summer in Indiana" received comment from Indiana's United States Senator and Representative. Her work has been published in several foreign countries. She is presently working on her second novel, and on a television script for a projected series she created. She is associated with a Literary Agent and a Music Agent in Los Angeles, California, and is a member of Broadcast Music, Inc. in New York City. Miss Abbott is also affiliated with Centro Studi E. Scrambi Internazionali, a cultural society of Rome, Italy, and is the recipient of their Medal of Honor for her work in the international arts and resulting contribution toward peace. She is a charter member of The American Poets Fellowship Society; a member of Indiana State University Alumni Association; and belongs to the Daughters of American Colonists and Daughters of the American Revolution.

ABBOTT, LOLA CREAL (Mrs. Loren H.), author, composer, poet, 605 South Seventh Street, Terre Haute. The daughter of James and Amanda (Heavens) Creal, she was born near Terre Haute, Indiana, and is a direct descendant of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, and Jane Seymour, wife of King Henry VIII and mother of King Edward VI of England. Her father, James Creal, was a Civil War Veteran and served with Indiana Volunteers. Mrs. Abbott was educated privately in Indianapolis, Indiana. In November of 1922, she married Loren H. Abbott, of Terre Haute, Indiana. He was a member of the Lost Battalion of the Argonne, World War I, whose heroic efforts saved many records. They are the parents of a daughter, Jane, who is a composer and writer. Mrs. Abbott is now writing her fifth novel and has written many articles for international newspapers. Her poetry has been published in twelve anthologies and two brochures and her music accepted by publishers and recorded. She is a member of the Daughters of American Colonists and the Daughters of the American Revolution. In March 1966, she was honored with membership in the Centro Studi E. Scrambi Internazionali in Rome, Italy, an international organization composed of scientific, artistic and literary World Scholars and is the recipient of their Medal of Honor given in recognition of her work in the international arts and resulting contribution toward peace. She was recently awarded membership in the American Society of Com-

posers, Authors and Publishers (A.S.C.A.P.) in New York City. Mrs. Abbott is a charter member of American Poets Fellowship Society and her poetry has been published in England, Italy, India and Canada. One of her poems won a Certificate of Honorable Mention in International Literary Competition in South Carolina. She was also Cover Poet on a national magazine. She was recently named to judge the poetry competition for the Anthology of the publication "Manifesto" in London, England in 1968; and has been invited to give a reading of her poetry at a Miscellany in the heart of London's Newspaper District. Her song Oriental Moon of Vietnam, won second place in a nationwide contest on the West Coast. Mrs. Abbott was named Citizen of the Day by radio station W.A.A.C.

ABBOTT, RHEA BROOKS (Mrs. John Bruce), business executive, cultural leader, 348 South Washington Street, Hagerstown. The daughter of Isaac L. (Joe) and Della (Alexander) Brooks, she was born in Centerville, Indiana, on August 16, 1913, and is of Welsh descent. Mrs. Abbott was graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1931 and received her A.B. degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, in 1935. On June 3, 1936, she married John Bruce Abbott, who died on December 5, 1949, and they were the parents of: John Charles, who was born on June 13, 1939; Suannaborn on December 24, 1942; and Mary, born on May 2, 1948. From 1935 to 1945 Mrs. Abbott was a housewife and part time employee of Abbott's Candy Shop and from 1945 until 1947 was a teacher at Hagerstown High School. In December of 1949, she assumed ownership and management of Abbott's Candy Shop and in 1956 opened a gift shop called The Two Sisters. Mrs. Abbott served on the Hagerstown Library Board from 1949 until 1963. She is a member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority, past President, Vice-President and Secretary; Altrusa Club of Richmond, Indiana, Corresponding Secretary; and a former member of the Hagerstown Business and Professional Women's Club. Politically she is affiliated with the Republican Party. Mrs. Abbott is a member of the Congregational Christian Church where she has served as Deaconess, Primary Superintendent, Junior Teacher and choir member.

ABDON, WILLIAM FRANKLIN, public official, Abdon Drive, Versailles. Born on March 5, 1918, in Versailles, Indiana, he is the son of William Andrew and Virginia Dare (Abbott) Abdon and his family origin is Israeli. He attended the Versailles public schools twelve years. On December 7, 1941, he was married to the former Marguerite Aileen Walters of New Albany, Indiana, and they had one child, Rebecca Lynn, who is now deceased. During his career, Mr. Abdon has served as a mail clerk and an automobile dealer. He was elected Recorder for Ripley County in 1962 and has been re-elected to that office for the term from 1966 to 1970. Fraternally, Mr. Abdon is a member of Versailles Lodge No. 7, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has served as Treasurer; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis; and the Ripley County Scottish Rite Club, in which he has served as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Abdon has also been Past President of the Versailles Lions Club. His other memberships include the Indiana High School Athletic Association; Versailles Volunteer Fire Department and the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop No. 7; and he is a Trustee on the Tyson Library Board. During World War II, he served in the United States Army from April 15, 1941, to September 16, 1941. Mr. Abdon is a Democrat. He attends the Tyson Methodist Temple where he is a Trustee.

ABEL, BILLY LaRUE, educational administrator, 7110 Doris Drive, Indianapolis. Born on September 25, 1921, in Whiteland, Indiana, he is the son of Lester Nathaniel and Katherine Elizabeth (Pearson) Abel, and is of English and German descent. Mr. Abel graduated from Vincennes High School, Vincennes,

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